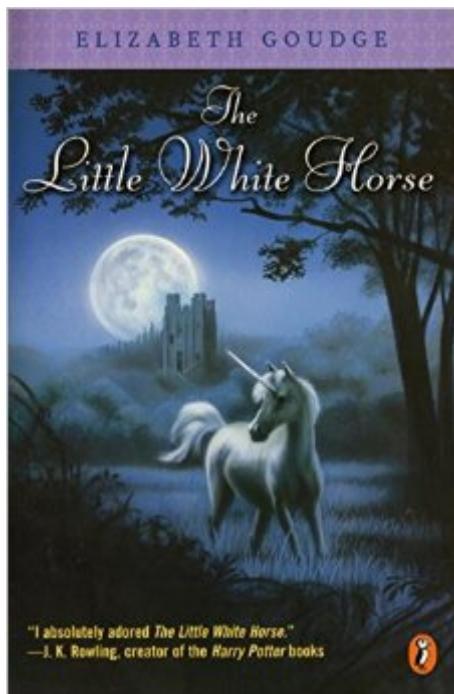


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The Little White Horse



Synopsis

"I absolutely adored The Little White Horse."--J.K. Rowling, creator of the Harry Potter series
Winner of the Carnegie Medal
When orphaned young Maria Merryweather arrives at Moonacre Manor, she feels as if she's entered Paradise. Her new guardian, her uncle Sir Benjamin, is kind and funny; the Manor itself feels like home right away; and every person and animal she meets is like an old friend. But there is something incredibly sad beneath all of this beauty and comfort--a tragedy that happened years ago, shadowing Moonacre Manor and the town around it--and Maria is determined to learn about it, change it, and give her own life story a happy ending. But what can one solitary girl do?

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Customer Reviews

"The Little White Horse was my favorite childhood book. I absolutely adored it. It had a cracking plot. It was scary and romantic in parts and had a feisty heroine."--J. K. Rowling "One of the most magical stories in the world."--The Independent --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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found a copy of this in my attic a few years ago, and ended up giving it to a girl I babysat over the summer, so I just had to buy myself a copy. this book is such a lovely gem! some might say it's too

much, but I just adore all the loving detail and reading this book is like enjoying traditional afternoon tea in a spring garden in full bloom, complete with friends and easy cheerful conversation. thank you so much for this glimpse back into my childhood!also, the movie partly based on this book, (and aptly renamed The Secret of Moonacre) is also a dreamy lovely thing! the plot has been altered somewhat, but it doesn't ruin anything, especially since they didn't take the original name of the book. why doesn't this happen anymore in modern cinema!! it would make everything so much easier, and help loving fans see it as a different version of their favorite characters and keep it separate from the book!

I first found the book in the library when I was 10, and was enchanted. I have bought this book for other girls, as I think it is a wonderful book, filled with adventure, whimsy, romance, and good writing. Juliet Stevenson is an excellent reader, and with that combination, I decided to spring for the audiobook. Nowhere on the site does it say that it is abridged, but it is. I avoid abridged books wherever I can, so when I got the CD (2 CD's) I was unpleasantly surprised. A classic like this should be read in full. I like the author's version so much better. That is why I took away one star, and for no other reason.

I read this book based on J.K. Rowling's statement that it was her favorite book as a child, and it's easy to see why she loved it. I wish I had known of it when I was a child. An allegory, a fairy tale and a morality play all rolled into one, this delightful story should entertain adult readers and enchant the younger set, though it may be too very sweet for older kids. As Goudge's The Little White Horse opens, Maria Merryweather is travelling toward her destiny, though she does not yet know this. Suddenly an impoverished orphan, she is travelling to Moonacre Manor, the home of a mysterious relative, in the company of her caretaker Miss Heliotrope and her little dog Wiggins. The story of Maria's adventures is fanciful and charming and populated by magical characters living in an enchanted place. Maria learns that people and stories are usually more than first impressions suggest, that even virtuous people have faults and even wicked people have goodness, that one can learn from previous mistakes ?- one's own and others? ?- and make a better decision next time. All problems are resolved at the end, all loose ends tied neatly. First published in 1946, the voice here hints at modern narrative awareness of itself, but is never cynical. A drawing of Moonacre Manor is here, and chapters are short enough to make this a great read-aloud novel.

"The Little White Horse" is a fantasy novel for pre-teens and adults by the always surprising

Elizabeth Goudge. Originally published by the University of London Press in 1946, with glorious illustrations by C. Walter Hodges, it is the enchanting story of second chances not only for 13 year-old orphan, Maria Merryweather, who is every bit as spirited as Anne of Green Gables fame, but also Miss Heliotrope and other adults who have lost the love of their lives through personal faults and family vendettas. This edition does not have Hodges's illustrations, but it retains the enchanting plot and wholly original characters like Marmaduke Scarlet, Wiggins, and Loveday Minette. NOTE: I was searching for a horse story as a birthday present for my daughter who adores all things horses. The little white horse has a very small, but pivotal role in the plot--unlike other classic and beloved horse stories like Walter Farley's "Black Stallion" or "Misty of Chincoteague" by Marguerite Henry. Pair with the delightful movie, "Secret of Moonacre".

When I read this book the first time, I was a little lost, cause it's a lot about belief, and I'm not really a believer. But what really is interesting in this book is the values it relays. The courage, the wish to overpass the errors of the past, the friendship, the importance of not hurting other people and the wish to believe in a better world and work for it to happen. All the characters are endearing and there are lots of mysteries in this story. I read it several times and I think it's good to read it twice to see all the implications and to better understand each of the characters. There's also a lot of action in this book, dangers and strange creatures as well as humans that have gone through a dangerous path and couldn't come back...

I got this because it was a favorite of J.K. Rowling-I had read it many years ago but thought it worth another look. It did not disappoint at all!

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